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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM NEA/ARN -DRAPER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, JO, US

SUBJECT: SPRINKLER LOAN DEOBLIGATION

REF: AMMAN 4614

1. WE ARE UP AGAINST A MAJOR PROBLEM IN THIS DEOBLIGATION MATTER. SOME AID PEOPLE ARE APPREHENSIVE THAT THE MAJOR MISESTIMATE OF THE COSTS OF THE SPRINKLER PROJECT WILL LEAD TO SCRUTINY BY CONGRESS AND GAO. THEY ARE TOTALLY AGAINST ANY AMENDMENT TO THIS LOAN, HOWEVER USEFUL AND DESIRABLE FOR OTHER REASONS, BECAUSE OF THE LEGAL AND TECHNICAL CONSTRAINTS SURROUNDING LOANS FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS. AT THE WORKING LEVEL, THEY ARE ALSO IRRITATED WITH THE AID MISSION IN AMMAN, FEELING THAT THE MISSION SHOULD LET THE JORDANIANS KNOW THAT THE FUNDS WOULD HAVE TO BE DEOBLIGATED IF THEY WERE NOT NECESSARY FOR THAT PROJECT.

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2. AS AN ALTERNATIVE, THIS OFFICE HAS PUSHED FOR AN ADD-ON TO THE FY 78 OR IF NECESSARY THE FY 79 PROGRAM OF L5B DOLS 3.5 MILLION. AGAIN, AS FAR AS 78 IS CONCERNED, WE ARE IN A BIND BECAUSE THE CONGRESSIONAL LANGUAGE AUTHORIZING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS EARMARKS THE SUM FOR JORDAN

IN A WAY THAT IN EFFECT SAYS NO MORE AND NO LESS. IF THE LANGUAGE HAD SAID SOMETHING LIKE "AT A LEVEL NOT LESS THAN," WE THEORETICALLY WOULD HAVE SOME FLEXIBILITY.

3. I WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON A PLAN SO THAT WE CAN SAY TO THE JORDANIANS HONESTLY THAT WE HAVE ADDED FUNDS FOR THE 79 PROGRAM THAT WOULD IN EFFECT REIMBURSE JORDAN FOR THE DEOBLIGATION OF DOLS 3.5 MILLION. I DO NOT BELIEVE I CAN HOLD UP ANY LONGER, HOWEVER, AN AID CABLE EXPLAINING ITS POSITION. VANCE

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